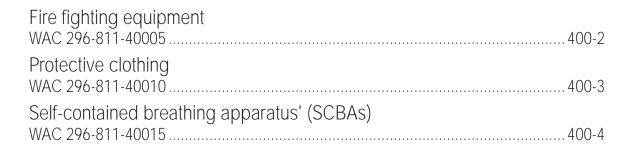


## **Section Contents**

#### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To provide brigade members with equipment and protective clothing appropriate for their brigade functions





# Equipment WAC 296-811-400

## Rule

WAC 296-811-40005

## Fire fighting equipment

#### You must

- Provide appropriate fire fighting equipment for the fire brigade.
- Inspect and maintain brigade fire fighting equipment according to Table 2, Fire Brigade Equipment Inspection and Maintenance.

Table 2 **Fire Brigade Equipment Inspection and Maintenance** 

For this equipment	Do the following
All brigade fire fighting equipment	<ul> <li>Inspect at least every year.</li> <li>Maintain in safe operating condition.</li> <li>Replace if damaged or in unsafe condition.</li> </ul>
Brigade respirators and portable fire extinguishers	Inspect at least every month and after each use



Rule

WAC 296-811-40010

### **Protective clothing**

#### You must

- Provide appropriate protective clothing for fire brigade members who do interior structural fire fighting. Make sure protective clothing is:
  - Provided at no cost.
  - Meets the requirements for foot, body, hand, eye, face, and head protection found in another chapter, Safety Standards for Fire Fighters, Chapter 296-305 WAC.



#### **Exemption:**

Protective clothing requirements don't apply to the following fire brigade members:

- Those who don't perform interior structural fire fighting.
- Those who use only standpipe systems or portable fire extinguishers to control or put out fires that are in the incipient stage only.



## Equipment

## Rule

WAC 296-811-40015

## **Self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBAs)**

#### You must

- Provide SCBAs, other than escape self-contained breathing apparatus' (ESCBAs), and make sure they are used by fire brigade members who do interior structural fire fighting.
- Make sure SCBAs do the following:
  - Meet the requirements found in another chapter, Respirators, chapter 296-842 WAC.
  - Are positive-pressure or pressure-demand type.
  - Use only compressed-air cylinders that:
    - Meet department of transportation (DOT) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) requirements.
  - Have a service life of at least 30 minutes, as required by 42 CFR, Part 84.
  - Have an automatic alarm that can be heard when 75 to 80 percent of its service life has been used up.



#### Note:

An SCBA can have a quick-disconnect valve or "buddy breathing" accessory only if the valve or accessory doesn't do any of the following:

- Damage the SCBA
- Restrict the SCBA's air flow
- Interfere with the SCBA's normal operation
- The "buddy breathing" accessory or quick-disconnect valve need not be certified by NIOSH